

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	Confirmation No.: 6124
Gary Karlin Michelson)	
Serial No.: 09/626,636)	Group Art Unit: 3731
Filed: July 27, 2000)	Examiner: Ryan J. Severson
For: A GUARD FOR USE IN)	
PERFORMING HUMAN)	
INTERBOF DY SPINAL SURGERY)	

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

Prior to the further examination and further to the Notice of Appeal dated April 1, 2010, the period for reply having been extended for five (5) months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.